Department of Historic Resources
Intensive Level Survey

Isle Of Wight — ***DHR Id#:*** **046-5034**

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): William Crocker Farm {Historic}
Benjamin Chapmar Farm {Historic}
Property Date: ca 1826
Address(s): Route 620 {Current}
County/Independent City: Isle Of Wight
Vicinity of: Center Hill
State, Zip: Virginia
Tax Parcel: 28-1-17
Magisterial District: Hardy
USGS Quad Name: RAYNOR
Surrounding area: Rural
Restricted location data?. No

National Register Eligibility Status
Property is Historic (50 years or older)

Property has been recommended Eligible for listing or is listed on the National Register of Historic Places

The property recieved an evaluation rating of 37.00.

Resource Description

Ownership Status: Private

Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:

Component	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
Structural System	Structural System - Frame	Wood	Structural System - Weatherboard
Roof	Roof - Gable	Shingle	other
Chimneys	Chimneys - Exterior end	Brick	Chimneys - 3-course American Bon
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Wood	Windows - 9/9
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Wood	Windows - 6/9
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Wood	Windows - 4/4
Windows	Windows - Fixed	Wood	other
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Wood	Windows - 9/6
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Wood	Windows - 6/6
Porch	Porch - 1-story, 3-bay	Wood	Porch - Post, Square
Foundation	Foundation - Solid	Asphalt	Foundation - 3-course American Bo

Site Description: The main house and farm buildings are situated about 2,500 feet north of Route 620 and are accessed by a long, dirt lane. Open cultivated fields surround the main complex. A small, one-story frame tenant house, garage and shed are located immediately on Route620. Further beyond the building complexes and fields the land is forested. The Chapman family cemetery, which consists of three graves with marble slabs on low brick foundations, are sited east of the house in an open cultivated field. The field has been ploughed up to the gravestones. There is a cedar tree near the house and a large sycamore tree between the large vehicle shed and early barn. Otherwise, the land is open.

Secondary Resource Desc: The majority of the agricultural outbuildings are sited to the rear of the main house. A series of dirt farm paths provide access to all the outbuildings and fields. The tenant house is located immediately on Route 620. Its outbuildings are situated to the rear and west side of the house. There are three structures, two hog pens and a shed, across Route 620 and west of the tenant house

WUZIT Count:

No.	Wuzit Types	Historic?
2	Single Dwelling	Contributing
2	Kitchen	Contributing
1	Cemetery	Contributing
1	Privy	Contributing
1	Corncrib	Contributing
1	Barn	Contributing

NR Resource Count:

#	NR Resource Type	Contributing Status
12	Building	Non-contributing
5	Structure	Non-contributing
7	Building	Contributing
1	Site	Contributing

Contributing: 8.00 Non-Contributing: 17.00 Total: 25.00

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Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: ..... Kitchen

Est. Date of Construction:	1890 ca {Site Visit}	*Accessed?*	Yes
Primary Resource?	No	*Number of Stories:*	1.0
Architectural Style:	No Style Listed	*Condition:*	Good
Interior Plan Type:	One-room	*Threats to Resource:*	None Known

Description: This is a one-story, one-bay, frame building on concrete block piers with weatherboard sheathing. The gable roof is covered with standing-seam metal. It originally had three windows on each side.

WUZIT: ..... Single Dwelling

Est. Date of Construction:	1943 ca {Site Visit}	*Accessed?*	No Not accessible
Primary Resource?	No	*Number of Stories:*	1.0
Architectural Style:	No Style Listed	*Condition:*	Good
Interior Plan Type:		*Threats to Resource:*	None Known

Description: This is a one-story, three-bay, frame dwelling sheathed with vinyl siding and with a gable roof of asphalt shingles. The house originally stood on brick piers and has later concrete block infill. There are two interior brick chimney flues and one concrete block flue.
FOR MORE DETAILS SEE FILE.

WUZIT: ..... Barn

Est. Date of Construction:	1910 ca {Site Visit}	*Accessed?*	Yes
Primary Resource?	No	*Number of Stories:*	2.0
Architectural Style:	No Style Listed	*Condition:*	Good
Interior Plan Type:	Undivided Space (non-domestic)	*Threats to Resource:*	None Known

Description: This is a two-story one bay, frame building on a foundation of brick piers and concrete block. It is covered with weatherboards and has a gable roof of standing seam metal. It has a batten door.

WUZIT: ..... Corncrib

Est. Date of Construction:	1920 ca {Site Visit}	*Accessed?*	No Not accessible
Primary Resource?	No	*Number of Stories:*	1.0
Architectural Style:	No Style Listed	*Condition:*	Good
Interior Plan Type:		*Threats to Resource:*	

Description: This is a one-story, one-bay frame building on a poured concrete foundation with horizontal board siding. The gable roof is of 5-V metal. There is a pole shed on each side and a one-bay, shed-roof porch on the front.

WUZIT: ..... Privy

Est. Date of Construction:	1920 ca {Site Visit}	*Accessed?*	No Not accessible
Primary Resource?	No	*Number of Stories:*	1.0
Architectural Style:	No Style Listed	*Condition:*	Good-Fair
Interior Plan Type:		*Threats to Resource:*	None Known

Description: This is a one-story, one-bay, frame building of vertical boards with a shed roof.

WUZIT: ..... Cemetery

Est. Date of Construction:	1857 {Site Visit}	*Accessed?*	
Primary Resource?	No	*Number of Stories:*	0.0
Architectural Style:	No Style Listed	*Condition:*	Good
Interior Plan Type:		*Threats to Resource:*	Deterioration

Description: This is a small cemetery consisting of three gravestones. All are marble slabs on low brick foundations. One has a small, square raised panel with a vine-like motif. One gravestone is signed by J.D. Cooper, a well-known Norfolk stonecarver. Buried here are Co. Benjamin Chapman. Mrs. Elizabeth Chapman, and Miss Indiana M. Vellines. The cultivated fields that surround the cemetery are ploughed up to the gravestones.

WUZIT: ..... Barn

Est. Date of Construction:	1820 ca {Site Visit}	*Accessed?*	Yes
Primary Resource?	No	*Number of Stories:*	1.0
Architectural Style:	No Style Listed	*Condition:*	Good
Interior Plan Type:	Undivided Space (non-domestic)	*Threats to Resource:*	None Known

Description: The gable-front barn is a one-story, one-bay frame building on a brick foundation with a fairly steep-pitched gable roof of standing seam metal. The original beaded weatherboards and 5-V metal sheath the building. There is a batten door on the front and a window opening on the rear that had been covered over. This building measures 20'1" across the front and 26'3" down the side. There is a shed addition on each side that is enclosed on the rear and sides with vertical boards.

The interior features heavy mortise and tendon framing with down braces. The rafters are lapped and pegged and there is a false plate.

WUZIT: ..... Single Dwelling

Est. Date of Construction:	1826 ca {Site Visit}	*Accessed?*	Yes
Primary Resource?	Yes	*Number of Stories:*	0.0
Architectural Style:	Colonial	*Condition:*	Good
Interior Plan Type:	Other	*Threats to Resource:*	None Known

Description: This is a five-bay, frame dwelling on a low brick foundation that is laid in three-course American bond. Beaded weatherboards sheath the majority of the house but plain weatherboards and German siding are found on the rear enclosed porch. A three-bay, shed roof is centered on the entire composition. Constructed in two major building campaigns, the one-an-a-half story section is the earlier and dates to 1826.
FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON THE EXTERIOR PLEASE SEE FILE.

The earliest section of the house is the one-and-a half story section which consists of one large room with a smaller shed room on the rear. The walls and ceiling of the main room have been covered with wallboard but the paneled wainscot survives. It has been painted a dark brown or black.
FOR FURTHER DETAILS ON THE INTERIOR PLEASE SEE FILE.

WUZIT: ..... Kitchen

Est. Date of Construction:	1826 ca {Site Visit}	*Accessed?*	Yes
Primary Resource?	No	*Number of Stories:*	1.0
Architectural Style:	No Style Listed	*Condition:*	Good
Interior Plan Type:	One-room	*Threats to Resource:*	None Known

Description: The original kitchen is a one-story, three-bay, frame building that measures 20'3" by 20'4" - essentially square. It has weatherboards on the front and 5-V metal sheathing on the remaining sides. The gable roof is also covered with 5-V metal. An unusual feature of this building is the double foundations. The exterior brick foundation is laid in three-course American bond. A second brick foundation, laid in English bond is located about 4'10" in from the exterior foundation.
FOR MORE DETAILS SEE FILE.

This building is used for storage There is a ladder-type stair to the loft and the ceiling joints are exposed.

Cemetery Information

Cemetery(s) Ethnic Affiliation

Cemetery System ID: 602165

Bridge Information

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National Register Eligibility Information *(Intensive Level Survey)*

NR Criteria: C- Architecture/Engineering
C- Distinctive chars. of type, period or method of construction

NR Areas of Significance: Architecture
Agriculture

Historic Context(s): Architecture/Landscape

Property Retains Integrity of:

1)Association	**Yes**	*5)Material*	**Yes**
2)Design	**Yes**	*6)Setting*	**Yes**
3)Feeling	**Yes**	*7)Workmanship*	**Yes**
4)Location	**Yes**		

Period of Significance: 1826-1943

Historic Time Period(s):
P- Reconstruction and Growth (1865 to 1914)
R- World War I to Present (1914 - Present)
M- Early National Period (1789-1830)
N- Antebellum Period (1830 to 1860)

Associated Individuals:
William Crocker II, Owner
Massilon Crocker, Other
Benjamin Chapman, Owner
Elizabeth Chapman, Owner
Cornelius Chapman, Owner
Franklin Edwards, Owner
Robert B. Edwards, Owner
William Crocker I, Owner

Significance Statement: The Chapman Farm's period of significance is 1826-1943 when it passed out of ownership of the Chapman family and became a tenant farm with the owners living elsewhere. The house has very high degree of integrity with very few changes to both the exterior and interior. It embodies the characteristics of a type, period, and method of construction for each building type. In addition, it represents a good early- to mid-nineteenth century southeast Virginia intact farm that has evolved over the years.

Bibliographic Documentation

Reference #: 1
Bibliographic RecordType: Oral History
Author: John Nourney
Citation Abbreviation:
Notes: John Nourney is the tenant farmer on the Benjamin Chapman Farm and has lived here since shortly after World War II.

Reference #: 2
Bibliographic RecordType: Oral History
Author: Robert B. Edwards
Citation Abbreviation:
Notes:

Ownership Information

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Name: ..... Robert Edwards
Zip: ..... *State:* *Country:*
Relation to the Property: Owner of property

Graphic Media Documentation

Medium	*Depository ID #*	*Photo Depository*	*Date*	*File Name*
B&W 35mm prints		PIF	2001/03/99	

Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

CRM Event # 1,
Cultural Resource Management Event: ..... DHR Staff: Eligible
Date 2001/05/10
Organization or Person: .....
CRM Event Notes or Comments: .....

CRM Event # 2,
Cultural Resource Management Event: ..... Intensive Survey
Date 2001/03/99
Organization or Person: ..... Gray & Pape Inc. - A Neville
CRM Event Notes or Comments: ..... PPMS 11481, VDHR File No. 96-1278